

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2003

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on September 8, 2003 in Room 830 of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Duba
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Rodriguez
Commissioner Perkins

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, with Vice President Mariajimenez abstaining, the minutes of July 28, 2003 were approved with the following changes:

On page 5, under Committee Reports/Older Women's Issues Committee:

Other workshops were held on strengths and needs for ethnic populations, memory, motivation, ~~and information about~~ living alone and care-giving.

On page 5, Commissioner Morgan requested the minutes reflect that the Commission staffed a table at the conference; and Commissioner Mummey requested the minutes reflect United States Senator Barbara Boxer and Fourth Supervisorial District Deputy Gail Tierney addressed the conference participants.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Creary, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and unanimously carried, with Vice President Mariajimenez and Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of August 11, 2003 were approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2003

On motion of Commissioner Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, with Vice President Mariajimenez and Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of August 25, 2003 were approved with the following changes:

On page 1, under President's Report,:

She discussed a *Los Angeles Times* article about the Martin Luther King Jr./Charles R. Drew Medical Center's Surgeon Training Program, ~~which was shut down after its administrator continued to train more surgeons than the program was allowed~~ whose accreditation was pulled because of a an administrative problem.

On page 3, line 5, the following addition was made in bold italics:

. . . which does not allow them ***to*** vote on important, time-sensitive issues that are necessary to help the lives of women in Los Angeles County. . . .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jernigan reported briefly on her work relating to the October 7, 2003 Statewide Special Election/Governor Recall.

STAFF REPORT

Staff distributed a flyer announcing the theatrical play *The Women of Juarez*. President Jernigan offered to reimburse Commissioners who wish to attend the play.

SET ITEM – PRESENTATION BY WOMEN ALIVE COALITION

Carrie Broadus, Executive Director, Adriana Pentz, Project Director, and Kathy Bouch, Health Educator, presented to the Commission an overview of their organization beginning with a Power Point presentation, which provided the following information:

- The interest of the Women Alive Coalition is to improve support for women with HIV/AIDS and to address the connection between sexual assault and the transmission of HIV to women.
- The services provided by Women Alive include: outreach efforts; monthly training; and the "Promotora" curriculum, which consists of classes on topics ranging from HIV transmission and testing to STD and Domestic Violence awareness.
- The Women Alive Coalition supports women at-risk for HIV infection in an attempt to increase control over factors that influence their health and quality of life through risk reduction and behavioral change strategies.

- To assess their program's effectiveness, the Women Alive Coalition uses pre/post training assessment and behavior change documented through a follow-up survey.
- The population of their clientele is Mid-City, East and South Los Angeles, consisting mostly of Latinas and African-Americans, in an age range from 16-67.
- Participants vary from English-only, Spanish-only to Bilingual (Spanish and English).
- Women Alive strives to provide continuum of care, which includes transportation, child care, and culturally linguistic and gender relevant services.
- It has been found that most of the women who seek help at the Women Alive Center do not engage in promiscuous sex and have been infected by their husbands, boyfriends, or longtime partners.
- Women Alive aims to change the health providers' assumption that the number of sexual partners determines the woman's risk.
- At this time, Women Alive Coalition's goal is to increase the number of Peer Promotora Specialists and HIV Prevention Specialists.
- Currently, the Coalition consists of a small staff and runs on an annual \$450,000 budget.

(Commissioner McMillan joined the meeting.)

After a question and answer period, President Jernigan thanked the staff of the Women Alive Coalition, and on motion from Commissioner Perkins, seconded by Commissioner Creary, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved a contribution in the amount of \$500 to the Women Alive Coalition. President Jernigan contributed an additional \$500 to the Women Alive Coalition to be allocated from the President's fund.

UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE 5K RUN/WALK FOR GIRLS-AT-RISK

Commissioner Duba reported the following:

- The drawings for the day include:
- The grand prize is two economy round-trip Korean Air airline tickets to any single destination in Asia, good for one year
- An original painting by internationally known artist Noni Higgins
- Two gift baskets from Snail's Pace Running Shop
- Four gift baskets from Brooks Sports
- The subcommittee ordered 300 more raffle tickets due to high demand.

**APPROVE TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO THE DR. KEITH BLACK,
M.D./CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER'S STROKE AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR
MINORITIES**

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved sending a letter of support to the Dr. Keith Black/Cedars-Sinai Stroke Awareness Program for Minorities.

Commissioner Creary requested that her signature be added to the letter as Chair of the Health Committee.

**APPROVE PURCHASING A HALF-PAGE AD AND TWO TICKETS TO THE LOS
ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES ACCESS AWARDS
LUNCHEON**

On motion of Commissioner Mummey, seconded by Commissioner Perkins, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved to purchase one half-page ad at a cost of \$500, and two tickets at a cost of \$60 per ticket to the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities Access Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 15, 2003 for a total cost of \$620.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A QUARTER PAGE AD AND ONE DINNER TICKET
FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE CENTER FOR THE
PACIFIC ASIAN FAMILY**

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the purchase of a quarter page ad at a cost of \$150, and one dinner ticket at a cost of \$100 in support of the 25th Anniversary Celebration on October 2, 2003 of the Center for the Pacific Asian Family at a total cost of \$250.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SEND A LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO THE THE
CLASSIFICATION OF RACE, ETHNICITY, COLOR AND NATIONAL ORIGIN
INITIATIVE**

On motion of Vice President Mariajimenez, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and unanimously carried, with Commissioner McMillan abstaining, the Commission approved sending a letter of opposition of CRECNO, the Classification of Race, Ethnicity, Color and National Origin Initiative (formerly the Racial Privacy Initiative) that would prohibit the collection of racial information about employees and students at any state institution beginning January 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary reported that she will attend the Select Committee Hearing on the Martin Luther King Jr./Charles R. Drew Medical Center to be held at King/Drew Magnet High School of Medical and Science on September 16, 2003. The next Health Committee meeting will be held on November 10, 2003 at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Domestic Violence subcommittee is reviewing the 1994 County Taskforce Domestic Violence on the Home Front Report and will soon make recommendations to the Commission on its findings. The next Domestic Violence subcommittee meeting will take place at 9 a.m. on October 27, 2003.

Ad Hoc Retreat Committee

Co-Chairs Vice President Mariajimenez and Commissioner Creary reported that this year's Commission for Women Retreat/Business Working Meeting will recap on how the commission has progressed since its last Retreat; consider refinements to committee structures and commission meeting schedules; discuss expansion of outreach for the 5K Scholarship Program; establish 2003-04 goals; and other priority areas and issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Genevieve Clavreul, Solutions Outside the Box, urged the Commission to thoroughly investigate organizations before making donations.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Maria Jimenez, Vice President
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D.
Reiko Duba
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Janet Mummey, Esq.
Lila Morgan
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Charlotte Lesser

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Cheryl Diaz, Executive Office
Audra Galang, Executive Office

GUESTS

Genevieve Clavreul, Solutions Outside the Box